



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Bernhard LINDENTHAL et al.

Examiner: San Ming R HUI

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Title: METHOD FOR FERTILITY CONTROL

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

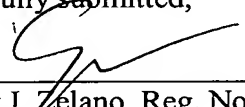
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Sir:

Applicants hereby elect Cox-2 inhibitor Celecoxib, with traverse. The claims as drafted have unity of invention. Merely because several Cox-2 inhibitors exist, there is no reason to narrow the scope of the search. Furthermore, the examiner has not established that there is any undue searching burden involved. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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